

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

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TOWN OF THORNTON,

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE

Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, School Committee,
Etc., Etc.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the Town of Thornton charge themselves as follows:

DR.	
To cash on notes and bonds,	\$3,824 02
State bounty on wild animals,	40 00
Savings bank tax,	57 29
Literary fund,	74 37
County for support of paupers,	800 68
J. W. Pattee, Taylor fund,	70 00
N. H. Weeks, “	265 00
R. A. Horner, “	63 17
Interest on “	169 34
J. W. Campbell, four blank books,	35
M. B. Cone, the R. B. Tucker tax,	45 06
J. Cook, for blank,	04
C. P. Moulton, for old liquors,	20 23
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	\$5,429 55
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By cash paid town treasurer,	\$5,429 55

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Orders given on the treasurer for the following sums:—

Paid on town notes by orders on treasurer,	\$7,627 08
School agent, district No. 1,	\$121 77
“ “ 2,	146 44
“ “ 4,	107 48
“ “ 5,	101 00
“ “ 6,	94 15
“ “ 7,	52 60
“ “ 8,	58 34
“ “ 9,	74 59
“ “ 11,	9 50
“ “ 12,	49 63
B. M. B. Selingham, his school money for 1877,	7 00
School district No. 3, Campton,	2 74
	825 24
F. M. Marden, for public water trough,	2 00
N. S. Woodbury, highway surveyor, 1877,	6 05
Orrin A. Straw, “ “	18 12
John Colby, for public water trough, 1877,	3 00
S. J. Connor, drawing lumber,	7 50
John S. Willey, highway surveyor, 1877,	14 18
Hiram Merrill, for work on highway, 1877,	3 75
M. and D. Foss, for lumber and work on highway, 1877,	37 04
Danforth Foss, services as auditor, 1877,	1 50
B. W. Sanborn & Co., for books and blanks,	13 85
Dr. E. G. Guilford, returns of births and deaths, “ services via Caroline Tueker,	2 25
Kimball & Temple, printing reports for 1877,	10 50
R. Johnson, school house tax district No. 4,	23 75
A. F. Woodbury, “ 9,	5 25
H. M. Tobyne, highway surveyor, 1877,	5 00
S. J. Philbrick, bolts,	5 72
Charles B. Caldou, work on highway,	2 48
E. P. Cone, financial agent district No. 2, school house tax,	2 72
	215 00

G. R. Tucker, bounty on bear,	10 00
J. N. Waitt, work on bridge by Fifield's,	9 40
W. G. Gilman, " "	6 75
George Elkins, " by Gordon's,	6 00
A. C. Moulton, " "	12 75
Dr. W. A. Smith, returns of births and deaths,	1 00
George Elkins, work on Fadden bridge,	2 50
Hiram Gordon, shingles,	28 00
Charles Clement, school house tax district No. 11,	10 00
County treasurer, county tax for 1878,	528 98
State " state "	384 00
B. F. Merrill, lumber and work on highway,	18 88
Hiram Merrill, bear bounty,	10 00
S. W. Constantine, repairing wrench,	1 00
Morrill & Silsby, printing bonds,	40 00
Mrs. J. Chatman, plan of town,	3 00
O. C. Foss, record books,	1 75
S. M. Barnard, work on highway in spring of 1878,	9 67
Jonathan Dustin, shingling town house,	21 00
H. F. Durgin, 2nd, for work on highway in full to March 12, 1878,	14 07
A. P. Payne, " March 16, 1878,	1 37
W. C. Merrill, lumber and work on highway in 1877,	5 75
G. W. Fifield, damage on plow,	4 95
T. J. Gilman, bounty on 15 foxes,	7 50
D. M. Boynton, work on highway Dec. 1878,	12 50
J. M. Moulton, plank,	12 28
M. S. Brown, staging boards,	2 70
Hiram V. Hart, work on bridges and highways,	23 05
H. H. Constantine, public water trough '75-6-7,	9 00
J. B. Sanborn, cattle work on bridge, Jan. 1879,	4 50
John L. Barnard, services as school committee,	38 00
C. R. Emmons, public water trough and work on highway,	6 11
C. F. Plummer, plank and timber,	5 87
A. P. Wood, work on highway and plank,	6 00
O. H. & O. F. James, shingles and lumber,	52 21
John Tewksbury, "	5 39
S. A. Foss, work on highway 1877,	5 45

O. F. James, work on highway and bridges,	34 38
N. S. Woodbury, bounty on 11 foxes and one hawk,	5 70
Daniel Peaslee, work on bridge by Fifield's,	4 50
Jacob Percival, public water trough,	2 25
J. T. Bradley, highway surveyor and others for work on highway,	7 69
Charles Shute, work on Sandwich road,	2 50
C. W. Drew, highway surveyor and others for work on highway,	23 77
Charles P. Sargent, services as town clerk,	20 00
E. Emmons, nails, powder and fuse,	4 70
Arthur Knowles, work on highway,	3 13
W. Gilpatrick, " and bridge,	1 25
Isaac Fox, plank,	33 34
H. J. Corliss, work on covered bridge in 1877,	10 00
H. N. Clay, care of town house,	5 00
F. A. Barnard, bounty on 16 foxes and four hawks,	8 80
A. H. Kendall, services as auditor, 1876,	1 50
G. R. Tucker, work on highway and bridge,	8 74
George W. Elliott, lumber,	7 45
B. L. Peaslee, highway surveyor and others for work on highway and lumber,	40 15
S. M. Barnard, highway surveyor and H. C. Bryant work on highway,	12 12
E. Elliott, work on highway,	10 61
W. T. Snow, " "	19 78
H. F. Durgin, 2nd, " "	6 25
A. Sawyer, " "	2 50
A. Robie, " "	2 50
T. C. Cilley, hauling boards,	1 50
M. & D. Foss and others work on highway and lumber,	58 48
Hiram Merrill, work on highway,	13 58
Hiram and Augustus Merrill, work on highway and lumber,	18 13
F. M. Marden, work on highway and lumber,	31 63
Arthur Merrill, " "	2 75
Charles Hall, " "	4 00
John Colby, public water trough, 1873,	3 00
O. C. Foss, money paid out for bounties,	3 39

O. F. James, money paid out for doing town business,	22 01
O. F. James, time issuing town bonds,	15 00
“ postage,	4 60
“ money paid for board of selectmen,	35 25
“ services as selectman,	98 00
John Johnson, money paid out for bounties,	3 50
Webster, Russell & Co., tar for bridges,	1 85
A. B. Cook, bounty on three foxes,	1 50
John Johnson, time on town bonds,	11 00
“ services as selectman,	35 15
W. H. Gordon, services as town treasurer,	40 00
B. M. B. Selingham, overseer of poor to pay pauper bills,	773 00
O. C. Foss, services as selectman,	44 00
“ work on Sandwich road,	8 75
“ money paid out doing town business,	3 00
“ time on bonds,	13 50
O. F. James, money paid for bounties,	2 10
B. M. B. Selingham, overseer of poor for stationery &c ,	10 25
B. M. B. Selingham, overseer of poor, services,	64 00
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	\$3,305 47
On notes, see first page.	7,627 08
School money fund,	825 24
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Total amount paid out,	\$11,757 70

INDEBTEDNESS.

DUE ON BONDS.

Bonds payable Jan. 1, 1889,	\$10,000 00
Interest due on the same,	83 33
Bonds payable Jan. 1, 1894,	10,000 00
Interest on same,	83 33
Bonds payable Jan. 1, 1899,	1,175 00
Interest on same,	9 79
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	\$21,351 45

DUE ON NOTES.

✓ Phebe Cross,	783 00
C. E. Dearborn,	15 00
✓ Betsey Paige,	265 00
Martin L. Paige,	414 00
C. Durgin,	72 00
C. & B. Shute,	35 00
✓ Sarah A. Homans,	280 00
E. G. Foss,	450 00
Emily Durgin,	102 00
✓ S. Sanborn,	36 00
Rilla C. Sanborn,	1,170 00
C. Shute,	125 00
Carter Foss,	424 00
John F. Morrill, Guardian,	350 00
A. S. Sanborn,	286 00
C. Tucker,	26 00
Wiley Baker,	42 00
Milton Woodbury,	13 00
✓ Lucy A. Elliott,	29 00
✓ Benj. Sanborn,	554 00
Barnard Page,	764 00
Mary E. Willey,	177 00
L. B. Shute,	147 00
✓ George Cook,	115 00
✓ Georgie Adams,	521 00
✓ Bertha Blanch Hodsdon,	6 00
✓ Thomas Gray,	61 00
✓ Rhoda T. Melcher,	55 00
✓ Nellie Sanborn,	30 00
✓ J. M. Hart,	2,008 00
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	\$9,358 00

A S S E T S .

Collector's List for 1868,		\$30 00
“ 1876,		100 00
“ 1877,		100 00
“ 1878,		3,000 00
Due from state for bounties,		50 90
“ county for support of paupers,		112 00
Interest on Taylor fund,		75 00
Profits in liquor agent's hands,		73 00
In treasurer's hands March 1, 1879,		1,134 17
In hands of overseer of the poor,		9 65
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		\$4,684 72
Amount of town debt,	30,709 45	
Assets,	4,684 72	
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Amount of debt less assets,		\$26,024 73

STATEMENT OF TAYLOR FUND.

Town of Thornton,	840 67	
C. F. Bowen farm,	205 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,045 67
School fund, Town of Thornton,		\$1,312 50

ORRIN F. JAMES,	}	<i>Selectmen of Thornton.</i>
OSMOND C. FOSS,		
JOHN JOHNSON,		

WILLIAM H. GORDON, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Money received of the town of Thornton per order from the selectmen on the treasurer,	\$773 00	
Money in the hands of overseer last year,	89 45	
	<hr/>	\$862 45

PAID FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

Stephen Foss,	\$61 56	
S. D. Fadden,	137 10	
Salley Packard,	52 00	
Mary F. Whitney,	35 12	
Joshua Chapman,	116 74	
John W. Tucker,	57 05	
John A. Sargent,	24 00	
Jacob Benton,	63 93	
Julius M. Fox, old bill,	15 75	
George R. Tucker,	35 81	
Alfred Bowen,	15 00	
John Tucker,	26 37	
Transient,	5 00	
Charles K. Ham,	86 34	
	<hr/>	\$731 77

PAID FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

Joshua Merrill,	\$121 10
Money in hands of overseer of poor,	9 65

B. M. B. SELINGHAM, *Overseer of the Poor.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From March 1, 1878, to March 1, 1879.

In treasury March 1st, 1878,	\$1,813 57
Received of the selectmen,	5,429 55
" Moody B. Cone, collector, 1867,	9 00
" Charles H. Weeks, " 1873,	149 66
" Moody B. Cone, " 1874,	100 00
" " " " school	
house tax district No. 4,	5 25
Moody B. Cone, col. 1876, school house tax Dist. 6	5 50
" " "	45 00
" 1877,	3,005 89
" 1878,	2,328 54
	<hr/> \$12,891 96
Money paid out by order of the selectmen,	11,757 79
Money in the treasury March 1, 1879,	<hr/> \$ 1,134 17

As the preceding report will specify the items for the orders given on the treasurer, it is not expedient for them to be given in this report, as the orders are all on file in the treasurer's office to which any reference required may be made.

WILLIAM H. GORDON, *Town Treasurer.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Having examined the accounts of the selectmen and treasurer of the town of Thornton for the year ending March 1st 1879, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ALBERT LYFORD, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS OF THORNTON:—

Again it becomes my duty to report to you, the condition of our schools, and make such suggestions as may seem advisable. I am happy to gratefully acknowledge the general courtesy with which I have been favored during the performance of my official duty the past year. And particularly would I tender my sincere thanks to teachers and scholars universally, for the respect shown me, and the courteous manner in which they have complied with any suggestions I deemed it my duty to make.

All the schools have been visited, as the law requires, twice or more during each term, with the exception of one which closed prematurely, on account of a misunderstanding in regard to the amount of money belonging to the district.

The teachers have generally labored hard and succeeded well. The greatest defect has been a lack of order, a few of the schools failing somewhat in this respect. Most of the schools were of a high order, the teachers evincing both a disposition and an ability needful to success.

It would be an improvement in our schools to furnish an illustrative apparatus; only one school in town having anything of the kind except a common blackboard, and some of those in bad condition. There is not even a dictionary furnished to any school except in district No. 2. There should be in every school, at least, a dictionary, a globe, and some wall maps. You will see by the special report that the scholars, in district No. 6, with the assistance of their teacher, have tried to remedy this defect by drawing outline maps themselves, which has been a great benefit to them in the study of geography. I deem it necessary to make a change in text books by introducing Greenleaf's new series of arithmetics, at about one-half the retail price. One reason for making this change

was that the old books had long been in use, but more particularly that we had so many different kinds of arithmetics in our schools that the scholars could not be properly classed. In one school I found five scholars, about equally advanced, with three different kinds of books, making three classes where there should have been but one. This, as every one knows, is very perplexing to the teacher, and unprofitable to the scholars. I had considerable opposition in making this change, but was happy to learn at the close of each school that both teachers and scholars were much pleased with the new books. There has been a decided improvement since last year in most of our schools in regard to regularity of attendance, the average attendance being much higher, and the registers not so badly disfigured with absent and tardy marks. Still there is a chance for improvement. It is to be hoped that the good work so favorably commenced will go on until the absent and tardy marks in our registers shall be "few and far between."

I am happy to record on the roll of honor, the following names of those who have been neither absent or tardy during the school. It is hoped that the publishment of this roll will stimulate others to such regularity of attendance, that the registers in future may be as nearly free from absent and tardy marks as possible.

FIRST TERM, NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Emma S. Merrill, Mary A. Carter, Clara E. Barnard, Mattie M. Foss, Nellie A. Sargent, Addie J. Gilman, Melvina L. James, Abbie E. Johnson, Josephine B. Sanborn, Minnie E. James, Lucy Shute, Emma E. Tourtillotte, Linnie L. James, Nettie Cone, Orrissa F. Lyford, Bertha E. James, Nelson Cone, Charlie F. Fifield, Eddie C. Sargent, Elwood Elliott, Albert D. Lyford, George S. Brown, Fannie B. Brown, Charlie Houston, Henry S. Brown, Willie T. Johnson, Olive J. Selingham.

SECOND TERM, NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Mina L. James, Freddie E. Cilley, Nellie A. Sargent, Minnie F. James, Henry P. Cilley, Emma M. Tourtillotte, Linnie E. James, Austin S. Johnson, Nellie M. Tourtillotte, Bertha E. James, Abbie E. Johnson, Albert D. Lyford, Freddie O. James, Calla T. McCausland, Amy L. Hackett, Austin W. Merrill, Eddie C. Sargent.

In conclusion I would say, let each individual feel a personal interest in the education of the youth of the land; give the children a room comfortable and pleasant; give them teachers qualified for their work; give them a proper amount of schooling; visit the schools and manifest an interest in the welfare of the children; then you will have the consolation of knowing that you have done what you could to fit the rising generation for usefulness.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Wm. H. Gordon, Prudential Committee.

Summer term of eight weeks, with twenty-seven scholars. Miss O. Elnora Sanborn, of Gilmanton, teacher. The scholars appeared to be interested in their studies, and fair improvement was made. Miss Sanborn is a thorough scholar, and a hard worker in the school room, but rather indulgent. The discipline was hardly what it should have been.

Fall term, thirteen weeks, thirty-three scholars, Miss Ella M. Spaulding, of Rumney, teacher. Miss Spaulding is a faithful and efficient teacher, but she labored under some disadvantage in not having the sympathy and co-operation of all the district. As good order as could be expected under the circumstances, was sustained throughout the term. Most of the scholars made good improvement.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Danforth Foss, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, ten weeks, twenty-one scholars, Miss Mary E. Tilton, of Rumney teacher. This was the third successive term Miss Tilton has taught in this district, which speaks more for her credit than anything I can say. She well sustained her former excellent reputation, and gave perfect satisfaction.

Fall term, eleven weeks, twenty-five scholars. Taught by Mr. Irving E. Usher, of Peterborough. This school was evidently managed upon the "slow and sure," principle, which is a good one if not carried to excess. Mr. Usher apparently labored hard in this school, but did not possess the faculty of interesting his scholars in their studies to any great degree. The conduct of some of the larger boys was not quite circum-spect at all times.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Asa Ham, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, ten weeks, fourteen scholars, taught by Miss Gertrude H. McCausland. This interesting school was well managed, thorough instruction imparted, and as usual a perfect success. At the closing examination the school room was beautifully decorated, and everything passed off in a manner creditable to both teacher and scholars.

Fall term, fourteen weeks, twenty scholars, also taught by Miss McCausland with equally good success.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Joseph E. Pattee, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, seven weeks, twenty-six scholars, Miss Laura E. Bowles, of Lisbon, teacher. As usual Miss Bowles labored diligently and successfully in this school. The term did not commence until quite late, and consequently extended into the excessive hot weather, which somewhat retarded the progress of the scholars.

Fall term, eleven weeks, twenty-eight scholars, also taught by Miss Bowles. The school commenced with fair prospect of success, but in consequence of sickness in the district, and various other causes, the school became so reduced that at the closing examination there were only ten scholars present.

The scholars that attended the whole term made good improvement, especially a class in mental arithmetic.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Frank D. Lyford, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, eight weeks, twenty-three scholars. Fall term, eight weeks, twenty-five scholars, Miss Ardell W. Chase, of Plymouth, teacher. Miss Chase has a remarkable faculty for interesting her scholars in their studies, and enters upon the work before her with that energy and determination which overcomes all obstacles, and cannot fail of success. The exercises at the closing examination of both terms were of a very interesting character, and demonstrated the fact that hard, earnest labor had been performed by both teachers and scholars. The walls of the school room were adorned with outline maps, drawn by the scholars with an artistic skill, worthy of much praise.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Augustus Merrill, Prudential Committee.

One term, twelve weeks, twenty-one scholars, Miss Mary A. Gordon, of Thornton, teacher. Miss Gordon has had but little experience, but possesses abilities, both natural and acquired which insure success. Good order was sustained, thorough instruction imparted, and the school was a success in every respect.

DISTRICT No. 8.

George Elliott, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, six weeks, eight scholars. Fall term, eight weeks, nine scholars, Miss Mary F. Elliott, of Rumney, teacher. This was Miss Elliott's first effort in teaching. She was eminently successful, and managed this school with rare ability for one just commencing to teach. It is hoped she will continue in the avocation in which she has commenced with so good success.

DISTRICT No. 9.

William Elkins, Prudential Committee.

One term, fourteen weeks, twenty-eight scholars, taught by Miss Nellie P. Bryant, of Woodstock. Miss Bryant is an experienced and successful teacher. She managed this school with dignity and ability, and no school in town showed a better drill than this.

DISTRICT No. 11.

No school.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Josiah T. Bradley, Prudential Committee.

One term, nine weeks, fourteen scholars, Mrs. Olive A. Weeks, of Thornton, teacher. Mrs. Weeks, as usual was successful. The closing examination showed conclusively that she had not been idle, but did efficient work, and the result was a pleasant and profitable school.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JOHN L. BARNARD,

School Committee.

Thornton, March 1st, 1879.

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